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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Nesper, et al.)	Examiner: R. Shaffer
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Serial No.: 10/731,284)	Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: December 9, 2003)	
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For: **IMPLANT FOR FIXING ADJACENT BONE PLATES**

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed on March 5, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed simultaneously herewith. No extension of time is believed to be due as the present Amendment and RCE are being filed within one month of the mailing of the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.